

Handling of REACH at Continental Corporation

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Dear Customer,

Continental has been following the development of the REACH regulation and has been preparing itself to meet the new regulation for some time now, further we have also been actively involved in the development of the content of REACH.

EU regulation 1907/2006 REACH has no direct requirements regarding articles. The regulated products are chemical raw materials for the manufacture of such articles. These substances have to be registered by manufacturers or importers. In Europe, it will in future only be permissible to manufacture elastomeric articles which are based on registered substances. These articles will comply with REACH regulation without themselves being subject to the REACH regulation.

Continental acts mainly as downstream user and we are in regular contact with our suppliers to ensure raw material supply and registration. We are ready to take measures if necessary.

On 1st December 2008 the period of pre-registration of substances finished. All raw materials for our products are pre-registered. So the legal transition periods can be used according to the legal requirements. The duration of the registration phase depends on the amount of the substance placed in the market and on the hazardous properties of the substance. We will contact customers and suppliers in good time prior to registration so that we will ensure the registration of affected substances under REACH.

For you, as customers of Continental, there is no immediate change. At present it is not possible to estimate to what extent the current range of raw materials in use will still be available in the future after consideration of the registrations made by our suppliers. The majority of raw materials used by ourselves will have to be registered by the end of 2010. We are in constant contact with our suppliers and are regularly updated on the progress made with registration of the substances we use. We will therefore be able to quickly recognize if a particular substance will not be registered.

We will inform you as soon as possible if it becomes necessary to make modifications to an article.

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Under REACH regulation only articles which contain more than 0.1% of the following substances need to be registered, if they are intentionally released: carcinogenic and mutagenic substances or substances which are hazardous to the reproduction of humans (category 1), substances with evidence from animal experiments (category 2); persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic substances as well as very persistent and very bioaccumulative substances.

Our articles do not belong to one of the above named categories.

Any new Material Safety Data Sheets required for our products and elastomeric materials, or any modifications to existing Data Sheets will be written as required under REACH- and CLP-regulations. These will be available upon request.

All the activities at Continental Corporation are combined and coordinated by a project team. If you have any further questions about REACH, please do not hesitate to contact one of our contact persons:

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